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Keeping tabs on federal and state-level Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations for your commercial fleet doesn't need to feel overwhelming — UFG Risk Control is here to help. This framework is offered as a supportive aid for monitoring regulatory changes, enforcement trends and compliance updates across all jurisdictions.

FEDERAL REGULATIONS BASELINE MONITORING OVERVIEW

The federal baseline should be treated as the minimum recurring monitoring framework for DOT and motor carrier regulatory awareness, supplemented by state-level monitoring where intrastate operations, permits, seasonal restrictions or state enforcement practices may differ.

FEDERAL BASELINE SOURCE MATRIX

Category	Source	Recommended monitoring	Key topics	Notes
Federal DOT/ motor carrier	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) email updates	Subscribe by topic and review active preference selections quarterly	■ Hours of service ■ Electronic logging devices (ELD) ■ Rulemaking ■ Emergency declarations ■ Registration alerts ■ Drug and alcohol program ■ Medical program ■ Safety/security updates	Baseline subscription for all operations and primary source for FMCSA web updates
Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) program	CSA email updates	Subscribe to CSA updates and review the "What's New" page monthly	■ Safety measurement system updates ■ CSA program changes ■ Outreach materials ■ Prioritization methodology ■ Enforcement program updates	Useful for monitoring enforcement program changes that may affect carrier prioritization and safety performance visibility
Rulemaking	Federal Register	Create saved searches and email alerts for FMCSA notices, proposed rules, final rules and requests for comment	■ Proposed rules ■ Final rules ■ Interim final rules ■ Notices ■ Comment deadlines ■ Exemptions ■ Waivers ■ Agency information collection notices	Useful for early awareness before implementation and for tracking formal regulatory activity
Rulemaking	Regulations.gov - FMCSA	Create saved searches and perform periodic docket reviews for FMCSA rulemaking activity	■ Open dockets ■ Public comments ■ Supporting documents ■ Rulemaking records ■ Comment due dates ■ Deregulatory recommendations	Supports regulatory change tracking and helps identify issues still in the proposal or comment phase
United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)	DOT regulatory information	Review periodically as a secondary federal reference	■ DOT rulemaking process ■ Regulatory requirements ■ Rulemaking guidance ■ Federal Register resources ■ Regulations.gov ■ Electronic code of federal regulations (eCFR) ■ Reginfo.gov	Secondary reference for understanding federal rulemaking structure and DOT-wide regulatory procedures

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FEDERAL SOURCE GUIDANCE

- **FMCSA email updates**: Subscribe to operationally relevant topics such as those noted in the baseline source matrix. Per FMCSA, subscribers are emailed when there is a significant update to selected website sections or related announcements.
- **CSA email updates**: Subscribe to receive periodic updates on CSA program enhancements, events and outreach materials. Monitor CSA updates for changes to the safety measurement system, prioritization methodology and enforcement-related communication.
- **Federal Register**: Use Federal Register alerts to monitor formal agency publications, including proposed, final and interim final rules, notices, information collection requests and requests for public comment. This is the primary early-warning source for official rulemaking activity.
- **Regulations.gov**: Use saved FMCSA searches and docket reviews to monitor open comment periods, supporting documents, submitted comments and rulemaking history. This source is especially useful when a proposed rule may affect client operations or internal guidance.
- **DOT regulatory information**: Use the USDOT regulatory information page as a secondary reference for the rulemaking process, rulemaking requirements and links to related federal resources such as regulations.gov, the Federal Register, reginfo.gov and eCFR.

RECOMMENDED MONITORING CADENCE

Frequency	Action
Real-time/as received	Review high-priority FMCSA alerts, emergency declarations, ELD notices and registration alerts.
Monthly	Review CSA updates, Federal Register FMCSA activity and regulations.gov open dockets.
Quarterly	Validate all active federal subscriptions and confirm alert settings remain current.
As needed	Escalate material regulatory changes to leadership, underwriting, claims and field risk control teams.

STATE-LEVEL SUBSCRIPTIONS

State-level DOT motor carrier pages, state enforcement agency resources and available email alerts, RSS feeds or press releases should be used as supplemental monitoring sources to the national federal review.

While FMCSA, CSA, the Federal Register, regulations.gov and USDOT resources establish the baseline for federal rulemaking and motor carrier compliance, state sources help identify jurisdiction-specific requirements that may affect day-to-day operations.

These supplemental reviews are especially important for monitoring intrastate requirements, oversize and overweight permitting, seasonal load limits, route restrictions, commercial vehicle enforcement activity, agricultural exemptions, weather-related restrictions and other state-specific updates that may not be fully captured through national federal sources alone.

See the supplemental state baseline source matrix for a listing of state DOT and enforcement sources.

ONLINE DATABASE ALERTS

Online database alerts, such as Google Alerts, can be used as an additional tool to monitor state-specific DOT and motor carrier developments between formal federal and state source reviews. Alerts should be created for targeted terms, such as DOT regulation changes, commercial vehicle law updates, trucking compliance, motor carrier regulation, seasonal restrictions and intrastate rules. These alerts should be reviewed for relevance before use and configured for the appropriate frequency, source type, region and email delivery method.

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SUPPLEMENTAL STATE BASELINE SOURCE MATRIX

State DOT/motor carrier source	DOT link	Enforcement source	Enforcement link
Alabama DOT	dot.state.al.us	Alabama Law Enforcement Agency	alea.gov
Alaska DOT and Public Facilities	dot.alaska.gov	Alaska State Troopers	dps.alaska.gov/AST
Arizona DOT	azdot.gov	Arizona Department of Public Safety	azdps.gov
Arkansas DOT	ardot.gov	Arkansas Highway Police	ardot.gov/divisions/arkansas-highway-police
California DOT	dot.ca.gov	California Highway Patrol	chp.ca.gov
Colorado DOT	codot.gov	Colorado State Patrol	csp.colorado.gov
Connecticut DOT	portal.ct.gov/dot	Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles	portal.ct.gov/dmv
Delaware DOT	deldot.gov	Delaware State Police	dsp.delaware.gov
Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles	flhsmv.gov	Florida Highway Patrol	flhsmv.gov/florida-highway-patrol
Georgia DOT	dot.ga.gov	Georgia Department of Public Safety – Motor Carrier Compliance Division (MCCD)	dps.georgia.gov/divisions/motor-carrier-compliance-division
Hawaii DOT	hidot.hawaii.gov	Hawaii Department of Transportation/ Enforcement Resources	hidot.hawaii.gov
Idaho Transportation Department	itd.idaho.gov	Idaho State Police	isp.idaho.gov
Illinois DOT	idot.illinois.gov	Illinois State Police	isp.illinois.gov
Indiana DOT	in.gov/indot	Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	in.gov/isp/commands/commercial-vehicle-enforcement
Iowa DOT	iowadot.gov	Iowa State Patrol	dps.iowa.gov/divisions/iowa-state-patrol
Kansas DOT	ksdot.gov	Kansas Highway Patrol	kansashighwaypatrol.gov
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	transportation.ky.gov	Kentucky State Police	kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development	dotd.la.gov	Louisiana State Police	lsp.org
Maine DOT	maine.gov/mdot	Maine State Police	maine.gov/dps/msp
Maryland DOT	mdot.maryland.gov	Maryland State Police	mdsp.maryland.gov
Massachusetts DOT	mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-transportation	Massachusetts State Police	mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-state-police
Michigan DOT	michigan.gov/mdot	Michigan State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	michigan.gov/msp/divisions/cved
Minnesota DOT	dot.state.mn.us	Minnesota State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Section	dps.mn.gov/divisions/msp
Mississippi DOT	mdot.ms.gov	Mississippi Highway Patrol	dps.ms.gov/highway-patrol
Missouri DOT	modot.org	Missouri State Highway Patrol	mshp.dps.missouri.gov

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State DOT/motor carrier source	DOT link	Enforcement source	Enforcement link
Montana DOT	mdt.mt.gov	Montana Highway Patrol	dojmt.gov/montana-highway-patrol
Nebraska DOT	dot.nebraska.gov	Nebraska State Patrol Carrier Enforcement	statepatrol.nebraska.gov
Nevada DOT	dot.nv.gov	Nevada State Police	dps.nv.gov
New Hampshire DOT	dot.nh.gov	New Hampshire State Police	nhsp.dos.nh.gov
New Jersey DOT	nj.gov/transportation	New Jersey State Police	njsp.njoag.gov
New Mexico DOT	dot.nm.gov	New Mexico State Police	sp.nm.gov
New York State DOT	dot.ny.gov	New York State Police	troopers.ny.gov
North Carolina DOT	ncdot.gov	North Carolina State Highway Patrol	ncshp.gov
North Dakota DOT	dot.nd.gov	North Dakota Highway Patrol	nd.gov/ndhp
Ohio DOT	transportation.ohio.gov	Ohio State Highway Patrol	statepatrol.ohio.gov
Oklahoma DOT	oklahoma.gov/odot.html	Oklahoma Highway Patrol	oklahoma.gov/dps.html
Oregon DOT Commerce and Compliance	oregon.gov/odot/mct/pages/index.aspx	Oregon State Police	oregon.gov/osp
Pennsylvania DOT	penndot.pa.gov	Pennsylvania State Police	pa.gov/agencies/psp.html
Rhode Island DOT	dot.ri.gov	Rhode Island State Police	risp.ri.gov
South Carolina DOT	scdot.org	South Carolina Highway Patrol	scdps.sc.gov/schp
South Dakota DOT	dot.sd.gov	South Dakota Highway Patrol	dps.sd.gov/safety-enforcement/highway-patrol
Tennessee DOT	tn.gov/tdot.html	Tennessee Highway Patrol	tn.gov/safety/tennessee-highway-patrol.html
Texas DMV Motor Carrier Division	txdmv.gov/motor-carriers	Texas Department of Public Safety	dps.texas.gov/section/commercial-vehicle-enforcement
Utah DOT	udot.utah.gov	Utah Highway Patrol	highwaypatrol.utah.gov
Vermont Agency of Transportation	vtrans.vermont.gov	Vermont State Police	vsp.vermont.gov
Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Motor Carrier Services	dmv.virginia.gov/businesses/motor-carriers	Virginia State Police	vsp.virginia.gov
Washington State DOT	wsdot.wa.gov	Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division	wsp.wa.gov/driver/commercial-vehicle
West Virginia DOT	transportation.wv.gov	West Virginia State Police	wvsp.gov
Wisconsin DOT Motor Carriers	wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/com-drv-vehs/mtr-car-trkr/default.aspx	Wisconsin State Patrol	wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/who-we-are/dsp/default.aspx
Wyoming DOT	dot.state.wy.us	Wyoming Highway Patrol	whp.wyo.gov
District DOT	ddot.dc.gov	Metropolitan Police Department	mpdc.dc.gov

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